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9 ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a process for cleaning metals comprising a step of contacting a metal with an aqueous solution comprising hydrogen peroxide and at least one compound selected from the group consisting of complexing agents based on phosphonic acids, salts and degradation products thereof in an amount from about 10 to about 60 wt% based on the amount of hydrogen peroxide.

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